

RUSH COUNTY, INDIANA

Highlights



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Introduction

The first edition of the *County Highlights* was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These *Highlights* are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each *Highlights* includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Don’t hesitate to contact your regional analyst, Sharon Ringenberg (260-469-4217) if you need further information about your area.



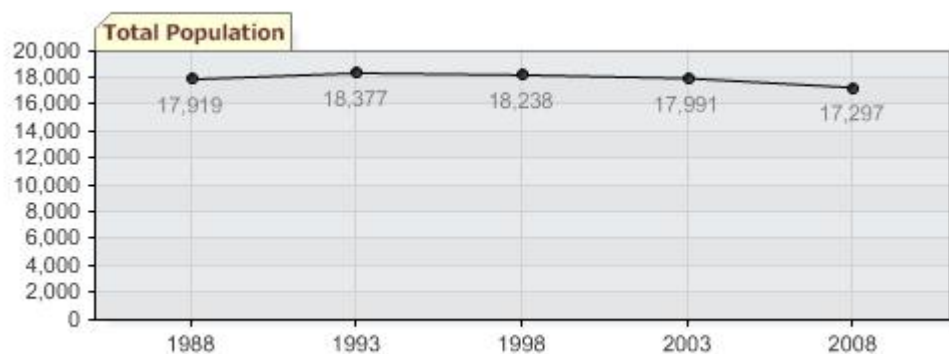
Location

Rush County is located in east central Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by Decatur County. Fayette County and Franklin County are adjacent to Rush County on the east, Henry County to the north, and Hancock County and Shelby County to the west. Rush County is one of the nine counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Indiana Economic Growth Region 6.

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

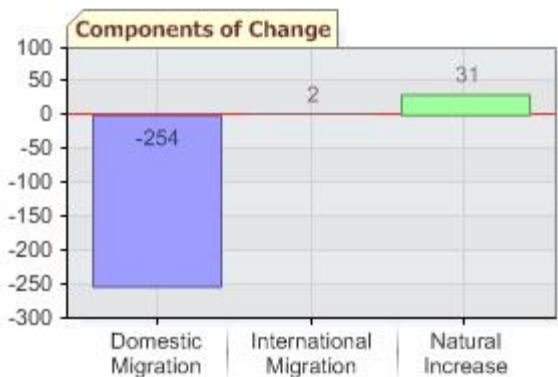
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	17,919	18,377	18,238	17,991	17,297
Change Since 1988		458	319	72	-622
Pct. Change Since 1988		2.6%	1.8%	0.4%	-3.5%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-254
International Migration	2
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	31
Births	205
Deaths	174



Source: US Census Bureau

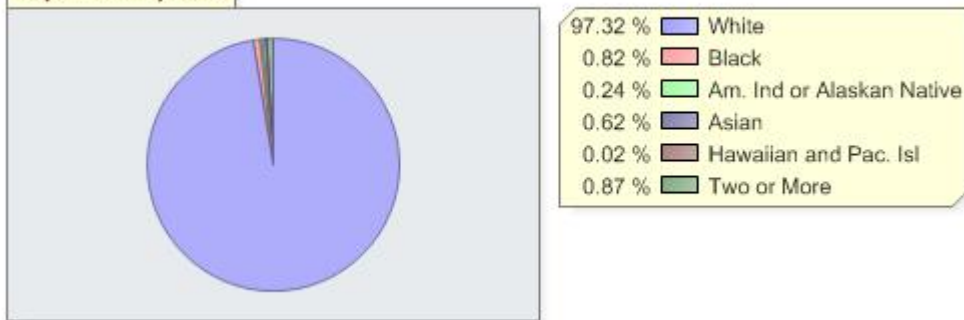
Population Estimates by Age in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	1,035	5.9%
School Age	3,253	18.6%
College Age	1,263	7.2%
Young Adult	4,557	26.0%
Older Adult	4,680	26.7%
Older (65 plus)	2,706	15.5%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	42	0.2%
Asian Alone	109	0.6%
Black Alone	144	0.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	4	0.0%
White Alone	17,042	97.3%
Two or More Race Groups	153	0.9%

Population by Race

Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	17,344	99.0%
Hispanic or Latino	150	0.9%

Source: US Census Bureau

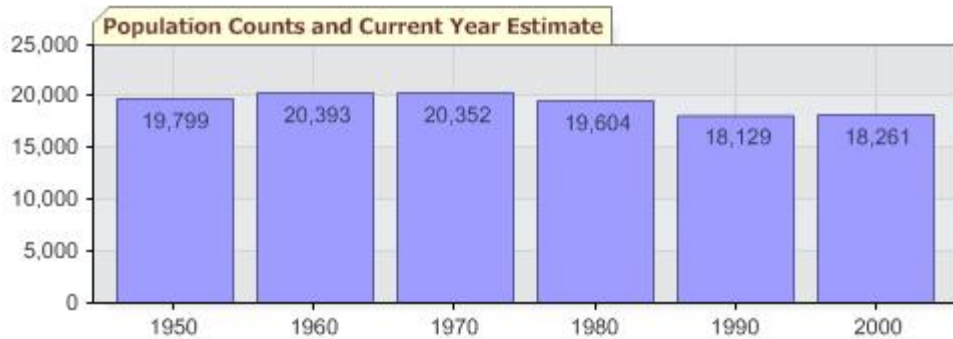
Households in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	6,923	100.0%
Family Households	5,047	72.9%
Married with Children	1,876	27.1%
Married without Children	2,334	33.7%
Single Parents	498	7.2%
Other	339	4.9%
Non-family Households	1,876	27.1%
Living Alone	1,615	23.3%
Average Household Size	2.63	
Average Family Household Size	3.61	

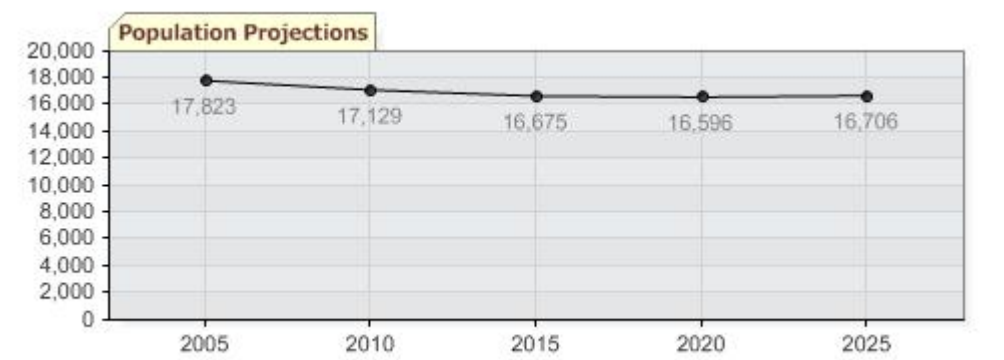
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Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	19,799	NA	NA
1960	20,393	594	3.0%
1970	20,352	-41	-0.2%
1980	19,604	-748	-3.7%
1990	18,129	-1,475	-7.5%
April 2000	18,261	132	0.7%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A



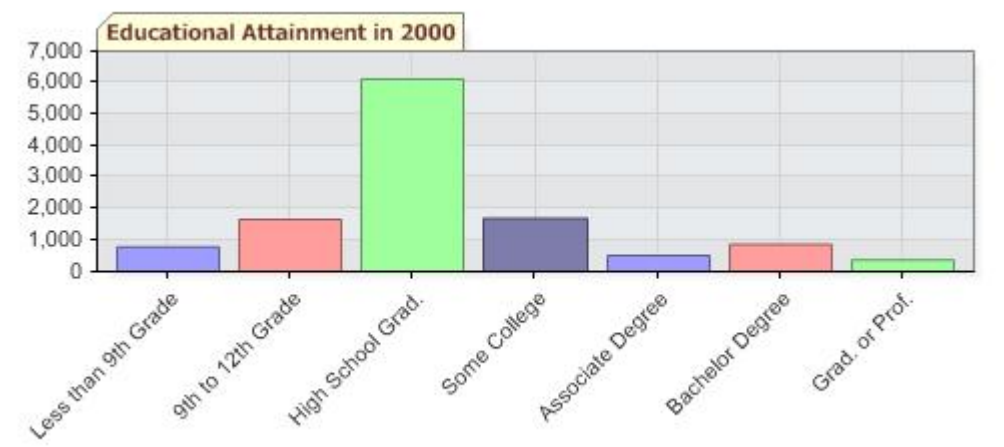
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	17,823	17,129	16,675	16,596	16,706
Change Since 2005		-694	-1,148	-1,227	-1,117
Pct. Change Since 2005		-3.9%	-6.4%	-6.9%	-6.3%



Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

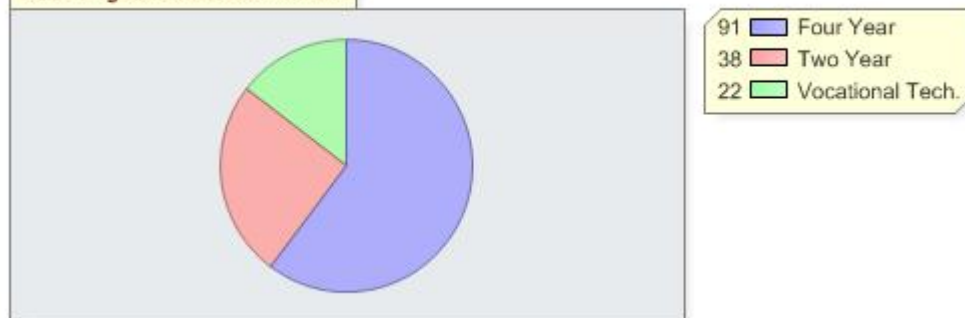
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	10,982	11,185	11,404	12,020
Less than 9th Grade	3,082	2,041	963	782
9th to 12th, No Diploma	2,349	2,152	2,049	1,665
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	4,280	5,237	5,491	6,123
Some College, No Degree			1,436	1,696
Associate Degree			473	515
Bachelors Degree			548	870
Graduate or Professional Degree			444	369



High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Graduates	158	159	145	171
Total to Higher Education	137	145	134	151
Four-Year Institution	83	93	103	91
Two-Year Institution	16	32	18	38
Vocational/Tech.	38	20	13	22
Military	5	5	3	8

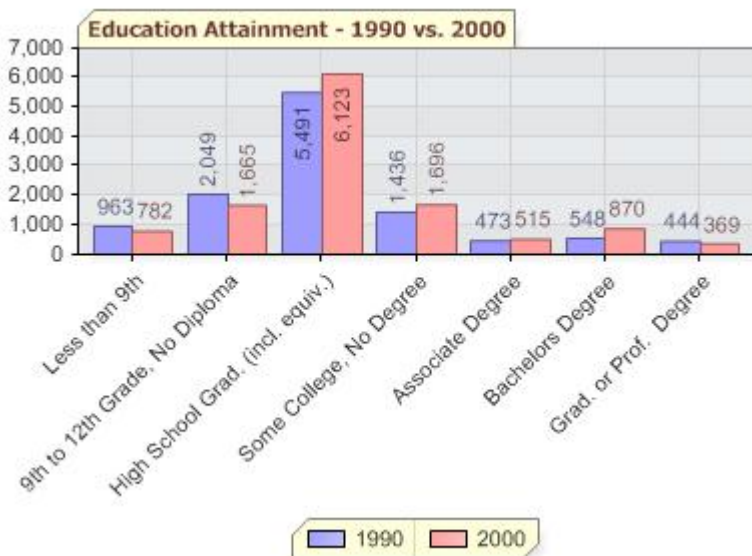
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
Total Population 25+	11,404	100.0%	12,020	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	963	8.4%	782	6.5%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	2,049	18.0%	1,665	13.9%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	5,491	48.1%	6,123	50.9%
Some College, No Degree	1,436	12.6%	1,696	14.1%
Associate Degree	473	4.1%	515	4.3%
Bachelors Degree	548	4.8%	870	7.2%
Graduate or Professional Degree	444	3.9%	369	3.1%

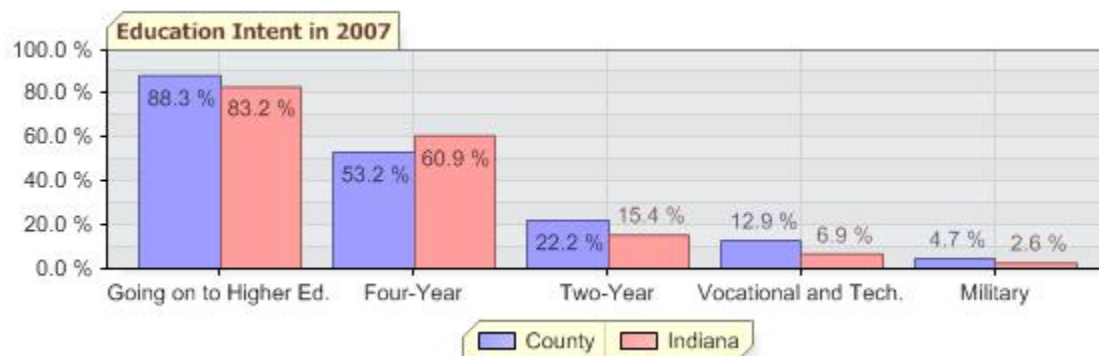


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

Graduates	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	88.3%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	53.2%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	22.2%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	12.9%	6.9%
Military	4.7%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

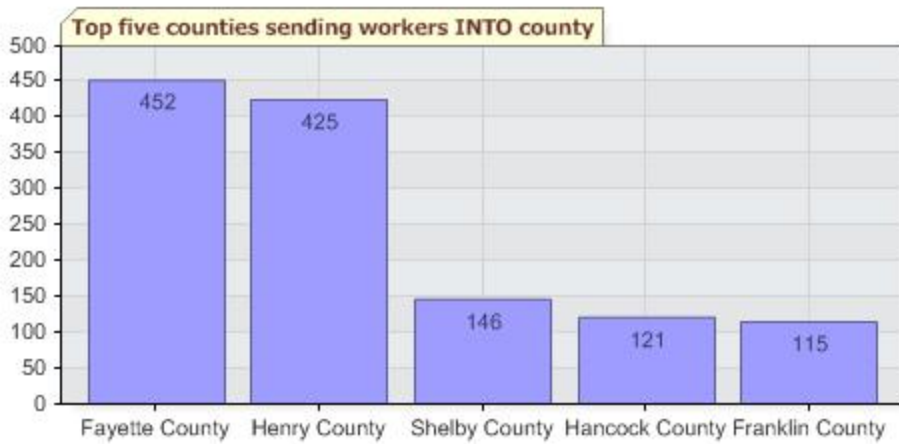
Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	12,062
Number of tax filers who work in the county	9,646
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	8,005
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	1,641

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

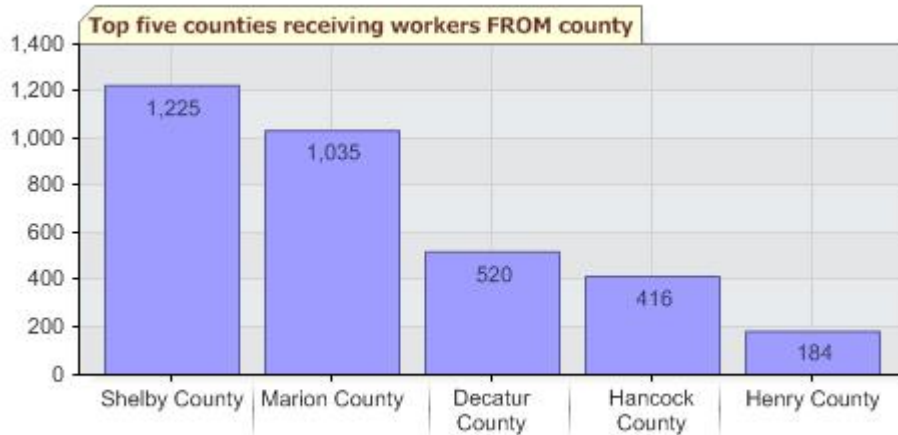
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Fayette County	452	37.0%
Henry County	425	34.8%
Shelby County	146	12.0%
Hancock County	121	9.9%
Franklin County	115	9.3%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Shelby County	1,225	36.2%
Marion County	1,035	30.6%
Decatur County	520	15.4%
Hancock County	416	12.3%
Henry County	184	5.4%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2000

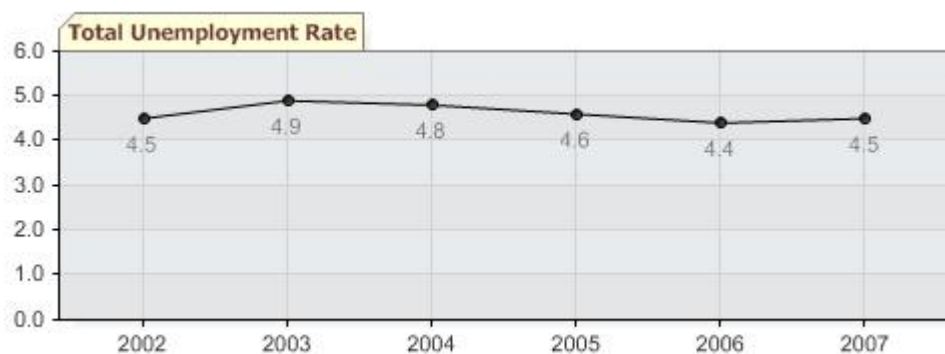
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	8,653	100.0%
Travel To Work	8,157	94.3%
Car, Truck, or Van	7,874	91.0%
Traveled Alone	6,762	78.1%
Carpooled	1,112	12.9%
Used Public Transportation	65	0.8%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	218	2.5%
Worked At Home	496	5.7%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	25.4	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	65.5	

Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

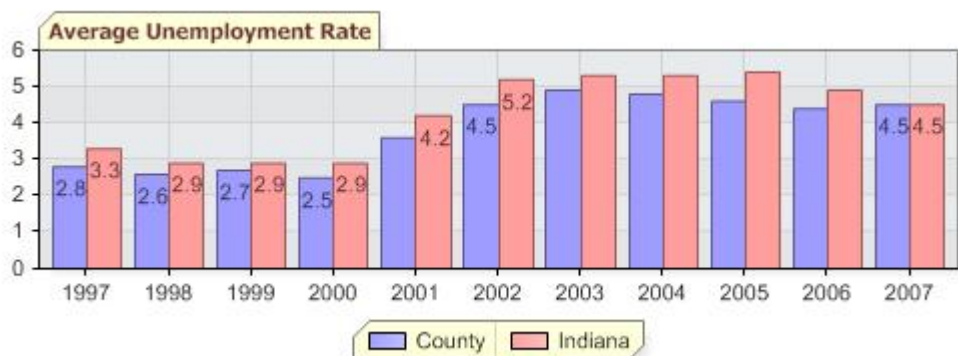
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	9,487	-0.3%
Employed	9,058	-2.3%
Unemployed	429	78.0%
Rate	4.5	80.0%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
1997	10,259	9,975	284	2.8	3.3
1998	10,108	9,850	258	2.6	2.9
1999	10,186	9,908	278	2.7	2.9
2000	9,516	9,275	241	2.5	2.9
2001	9,680	9,330	350	3.6	4.2
2002	9,522	9,092	430	4.5	5.2
2003	9,229	8,775	454	4.9	5.3
2004	9,250	8,804	446	4.8	5.3
2005	9,541	9,100	441	4.6	5.4
2006	9,502	9,080	422	4.4	4.9
2007	9,487	9,058	429	4.5	4.5



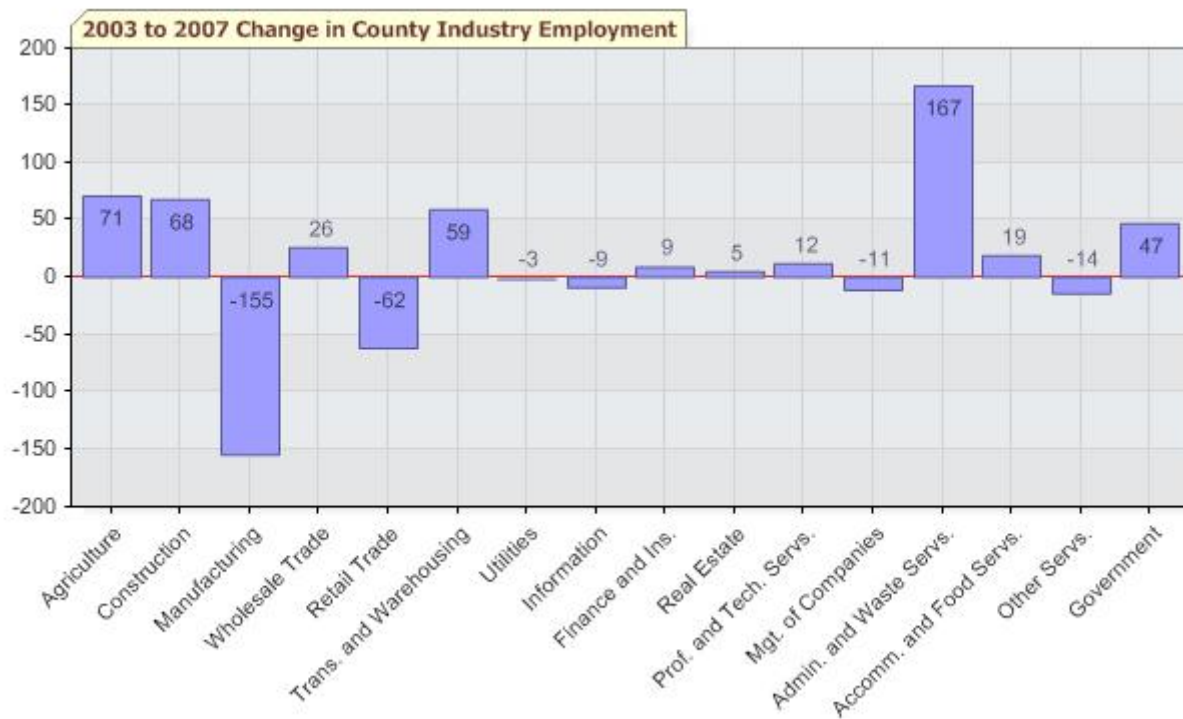
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Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
Total Employment	5,178	5,239	5,376	5,408	5,343	165	3.19%
Total Private Employment	3,973	4,030	4,147	4,176	4,091	118	2.97%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	108	149	160	153	179	71	65.74%
Mining	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	249	292	299	350	317	68	27.31%
Manufacturing	1,375	1,366	1,373	1,297	1,220	-155	-11.27%
Wholesale Trade	164	183	184	179	190	26	15.85%
Retail Trade	581	542	535	524	519	-62	-10.67%
Transport. and Warehousing	201	225	235	249	260	59	29.35%
Utilities	38	35	34	35	35	-3	-7.89%
Information	36	33	36	31	27	-9	-25.00%
Finance and Insurance	116	112	103	122	125	9	7.76%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	21	21	26	26	26	5	23.81%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	91	96	100	103	103	12	13.19%
Mgmt. of Companies	43	45	41	35	32	-11	-25.58%
Admin. and Waste Services	83	104	202	267	250	167	201.20%
Educational Services	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	358	338	315	299	299	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	D	18	21	14	12	N/A	N/A
Accommodation and Food Service	316	289	310	309	335	19	6.01%
Other Services	168	174	168	178	154	-14	-8.33%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	1,205	1,209	1,229	1,232	1,252	47	3.90%

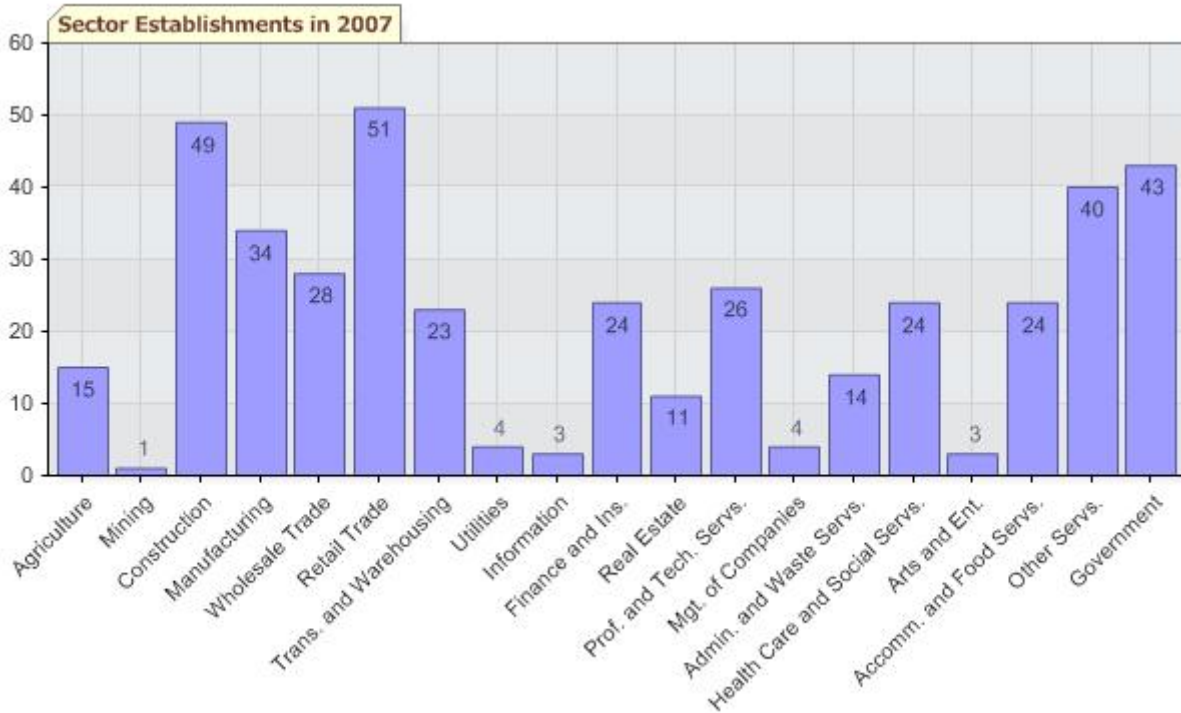


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Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
Total Establishments	412	421	410	419	421	9	2.18%
Total Private Establishments	372	381	370	380	378	6	1.61%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	12	14	14	14	15	3	25.00%
Mining	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	51	50	47	51	49	-2	-3.92%
Manufacturing	32	35	34	35	34	2	6.25%
Wholesale Trade	22	27	28	27	28	6	27.27%
Retail Trade	61	56	55	54	51	-10	-16.39%
Transport. and Warehousing	24	25	21	22	23	-1	-4.17%
Utilities	6	5	4	4	4	-2	-33.33%
Information	4	3	3	3	3	-1	-25.00%
Finance and Insurance	23	23	22	23	24	1	4.35%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	9	9	9	10	11	2	22.22%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	23	23	23	24	26	3	13.04%
Mgmt. of Companies	3	4	4	4	4	1	33.33%
Admin. and Waste Services	11	13	12	14	14	3	27.27%
Educational Services	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	27	26	25	25	24	-3	-11.11%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	D	4	4	4	3	N/A	N/A
Accommodation and Food Service	24	24	25	24	24	0	0.00%
Other Services	38	40	39	42	40	2	5.26%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	40	40	40	39	43	3	7.50%



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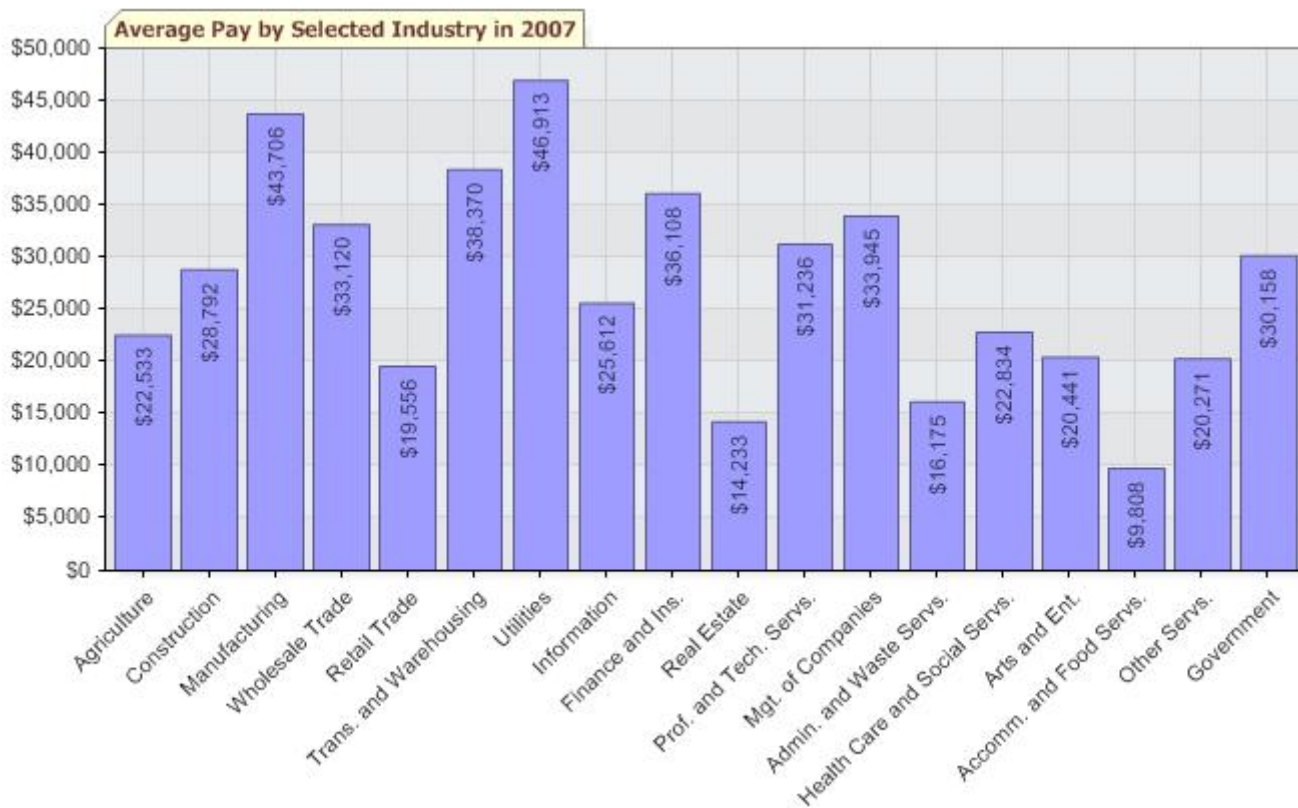
Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

Average Annual Earnings by Industry

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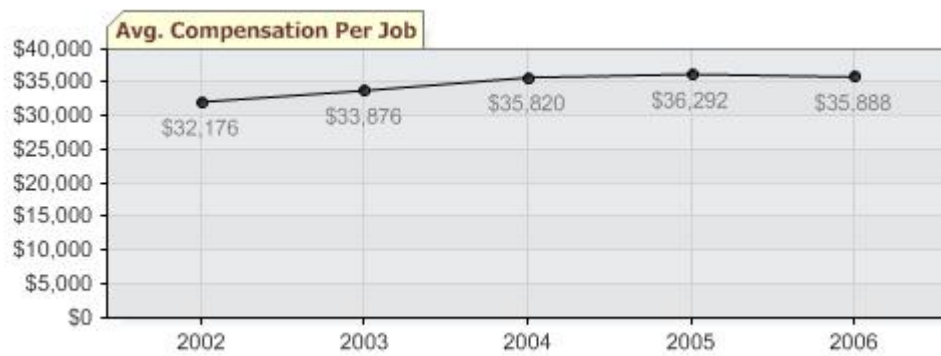
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$27,557	\$29,968	\$2,411	8.7%	\$37,530	79.9%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$24,673	\$22,533	-\$2,140	-8.7%	\$28,008	80.5%
Mining	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$57,315	N/A
Construction	\$25,298	\$28,792	\$3,494	13.8%	\$44,754	64.3%
Manufacturing	\$39,767	\$43,706	\$3,939	9.9%	\$51,148	85.5%
Wholesale Trade	\$32,066	\$33,120	\$1,053	3.3%	\$51,432	64.4%
Retail Trade	\$16,763	\$19,556	\$2,793	16.7%	\$22,581	86.6%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$31,962	\$38,370	\$6,407	20.0%	\$38,012	100.9%
Utilities	\$39,022	\$46,913	\$7,891	20.2%	\$68,267	68.7%
Information	\$23,422	\$25,612	\$2,191	9.4%	\$46,311	55.3%
Finance & Insurance	\$29,716	\$36,108	\$6,393	21.5%	\$52,649	68.6%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$12,791	\$14,233	\$1,443	11.3%	\$32,614	43.6%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$26,213	\$31,236	\$5,023	19.2%	\$51,451	60.7%
Mgt.of Companies	\$30,946	\$33,945	\$2,999	9.7%	\$72,682	46.7%
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$16,130	\$16,175	\$45	0.3%	\$24,934	64.9%
Education Svcs.	0	0	N/A	N/A	\$31,029	N/A
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$20,625	\$22,834	\$2,209	10.7%	\$37,706	60.6%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	D	\$20,441	N/A	N/A	\$29,251	69.9%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$8,534	\$9,808	\$1,275	14.9%	\$12,442	78.8%
Other Svcs.	\$16,186	\$20,271	\$4,086	25.2%	\$24,862	81.5%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$27,374	\$30,158	\$2,784	10.2%	\$37,054	81.4%



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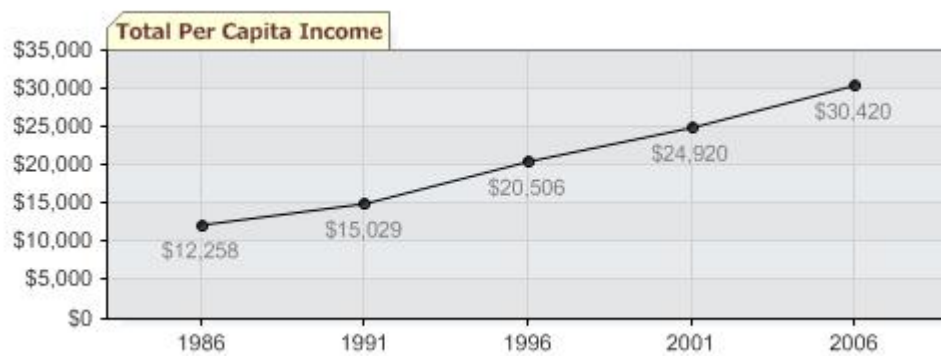
Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Avg. Compensation per Job	\$32,176	\$33,876	\$35,820	\$36,292	\$35,888
Change Since 2002		\$1,700	\$3,644	\$4,116	\$3,712
Pct. Change Since 2002		5.3%	11.3%	12.8%	11.5%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time					
	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$12,258	\$15,029	\$20,506	\$24,920	\$30,420
Change Since 1986		\$2,771	\$8,248	\$12,662	\$18,162
Pct. Change Since 1986		22.6%	67.3%	103.3%	148.2%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage	
	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$29,963
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	43.1%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

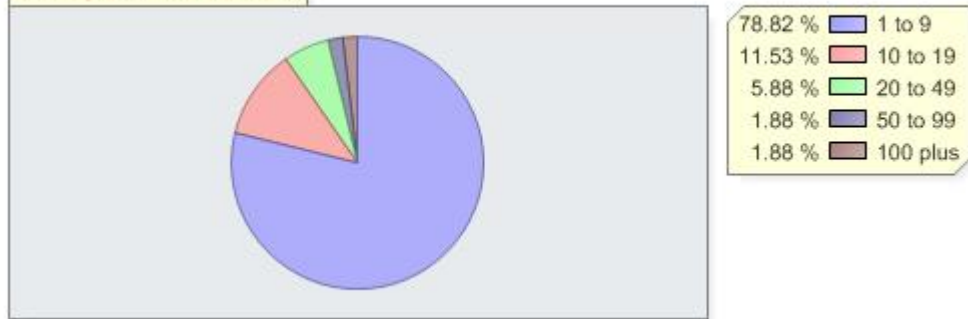
Firms and Employment by Size

Firm data are available for most counties by the size of the firms and average employment by business unit size.

County Business Patterns, 2006				
	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	335	10	3.1%	78.8%
10-19 employees	49	3	6.5%	11.5%
20-49 employees	25	-11	-30.6%	5.9%

50-99 employees	8	2	33.3%	1.9%
100 plus employees	8	0	0.0%	1.9%
TOTAL	425	4	1.0%	100.0%

County Business Patterns

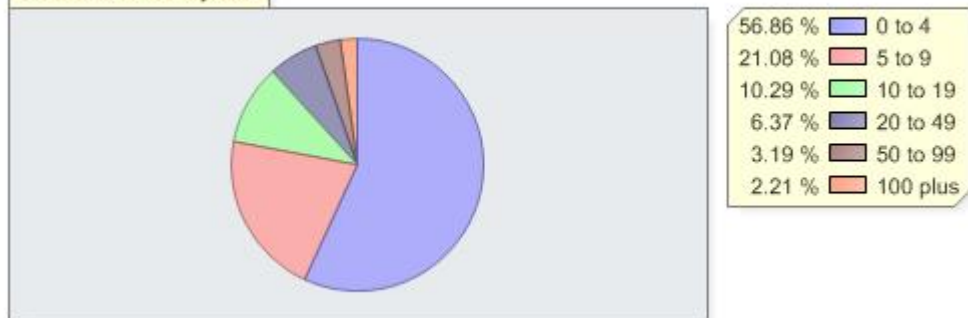


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	232	56.9%
5 to 9 employees	86	21.1%
10 to 19 employees	42	10.3%
20 to 49 employees	26	6.4%
50 to 99 employees	13	3.2%
100 plus employees	9	2.2%
TOTAL	408	100.0%

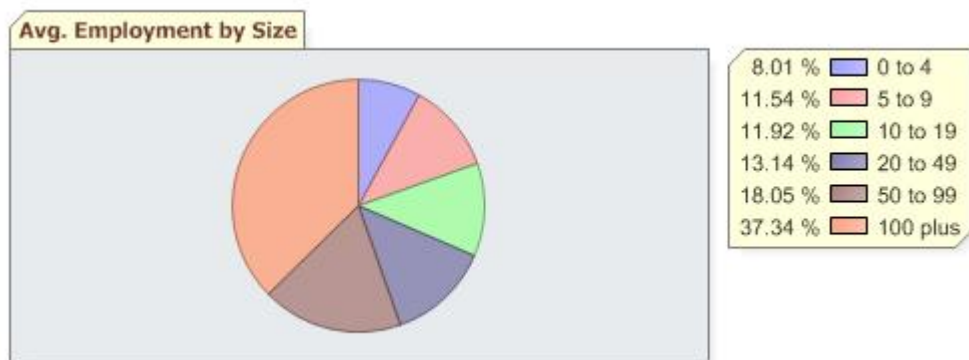
Business Units by Size



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	413	8.0%
5 to 9 employees	595	11.5%
10 to 19 employees	615	11.9%
20 to 49 employees	678	13.1%
50 to 99 employees	931	18.0%
100 plus employees	1,926	37.3%
TOTAL	5,158	100.0%



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.